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U.S. Patent Nos. 5,773,329 and 5,946,562 are in the family of JP 10-070077. These U.S. patents were not directly cited by the Japanese Patent Office, but are submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

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